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### ASBURY PARK CONFERENCE

Plans for the Asbury Park Conference are going forward although definite announcements cannot yet be made. The president, the secretary and Miss Edna B. Pratt, chairman of the local committee, visited Asbury Park March 5th and 6th, looked over a number of the hotels and discussed the conference with their managers.

Headquarters will be at the New Monterey and the Columbia. These two hotels are directly across the street from each other and together will house about 950 people assuming a reasonable amount of "doubling up." We will have the *exclusive* use of both. There will probably be an attendance of from 1200 to 1500, so perhaps it will be the largest conference in the history of the A. L. A. Therefore an overflow from the two headquarters hotels is expected and being planned for, and with the co-operation of the local committee arrangements are being made with a number of other hotels in close proximity to head-

quarters. There are hotels in abundance in Asbury Park and so there will be plenty of room, no matter how many come.

Rates at the headquarters hotels range from \$3.50 to \$5.00 a day, American plan, according to number occupying room, location, size and bath. Definite information as to rates for all recommended hotels and directions as to making of reservations will be made about May 1, through the library periodicals and the Bulletin of the A. L. A. In order to preserve absolute impartiality the rule will be observed that those applications received by the hotel managers before the date announced for making reservations will be considered as having been received on the opening date for making such reservations. There is small likelihood that any who apply within reasonable time after receiving the directions in the May Bulletin will fail of accommodations at the headquarters hotels.

The general sessions will be held in the Convention Auditorium, occupying a city

block just across the street from the New Monterey and the Columbia. Sections and affiliated societies will meet in the parlors of the two hotels, and the larger groups in the Auditorium.

Recreative features abound,—there are tennis courts close by the New Monterey to which we shall have access, there is a golf course on the edge of town, there is a fresh water lake with boats and canoes two or three hundred yards away, so near the ocean that it seems as if the waters of the two must mingle, there is the boardwalk, somewhat similar to the famous institution at Atlantic City, there are auto drives, a good dancing floor at the New Monterey, which will be duly utilized, and last but not least, there is the ocean. The New Monterey is right on the beach and bath houses are close at hand. The local committee is preparing a pamphlet on "What to do at Asbury Park" which will be distributed free to all at the registration desk at the conference. The local committee will maintain a desk at headquarters to help give information, arrange drives, boating parties, and the like.

The president is arranging an exceptionally appropriate and helpful program for the general sessions and the officers of the sections and affiliated societies are also planning good specialized group meetings.

The National Education Association will meet in New York the week following our conference at Asbury Park, and it is hoped that this close proximity of date and place will enable many teachers to attend the library meetings and many librarians the teachers' meetings.

A preliminary statement by the Travel committee regarding transportation is given in this issue and a final report will be made in the next number.

Special attention will be paid to exhibits. The Committee on library administration plans to conduct an exhibit of library labor saving devices similar in many respects to that held in Washington in 1914, which proved so very popular.

Altogether it seems conservative to say that the Asbury Park conference bids fair

to be one of the best in the history of the Association. The place is easy of access, the dates are as convenient probably for the majority as any which could be chosen, there is an abundance of first-class hotel accommodation at reasonable rates, there is the ocean and many other recreation features, and we are promised a good program. Should not this combination give us an exceptionally good conference, and one of which in after years you will be glad to have been a part?

#### Preliminary Travel Notice

Asbury Park, N. J., is easy to reach from all parts of the country, and reduced round-trip summer excursion rates will be available.

*From New York City*, an unlimited round-trip is offered for \$1.75, good either by rail, or by boat and rail. (To this 20 cents must be added if start is made from the Pennsylvania Station.) The routes from New York City are: (a) Sandy Hook boat to Atlantic Highlands, connecting there with train for Asbury Park. (b) Pennsylvania R. R. (c) Central Railroad of New Jersey.

*From Philadelphia*, a choice of routes and tickets is offered. (a) Five-day excursion via Monmouth Junction \$3.00. (b) Sixteen-day excursion same route, \$3.75. (c) Sixteen-day excursion via Elizabethport, \$3.75. (d) Sixteen-day excursion via Seaside Park, \$3.25.

Although the rates for June are not yet all available, the Travel committee feels assured they will be practically the same as those given in the following table.

From New England, the North Atlantic States (exclusive of New York City, Philadelphia and surrounding local points which have special rates), and from Southern points (south of Washington, and west to New Orleans) excursion tickets will be on sale—good either for six months, or until October 31st according to locality.

From the Middle West—Chicago, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Detroit, etc.—a thirty-day ticket will be available (also in most

of these places a slightly higher priced rate good until October 31st will be made). It should be noted, however, that Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio, are to be reckoned with the North Atlantic States points as they have an all-season ticket available at minimum price.

From Colorado, and from Missouri River points—Omaha, Kansas City, etc.—also from Minneapolis and St. Paul, round-trip tickets will allow a sixty-day limit returning. From Texas excursion tickets will be good until October 31st.

Pacific Coast delegates will buy to New York City, good for return until October 31st, or good for nine months. No rate is made from the coast to Asbury Park.

*Prices of excursion tickets* from New England and the North Atlantic States are from five to nine percent less than double the one-way fare. From the Middle West there is a slightly greater saving.

From Southeastern territory, Texas and Colorado, the reduction amounts to about 20 per cent.

Western tickets should be purchased including New York City, as nearly everyone will wish to visit that city.

*Special travel parties.* A personally conducted party from Chicago and the Middle West will be arranged by Mr. John F. Phelan, of the Chicago Public Library. A pullman train will be run from Chicago to Asbury Park without change.

From New England, Mr. F. W. Faxon will conduct a party, via Sound Line boat to New York and thence by Sandy Hook boat to Atlantic Highlands, only 40 minutes from Asbury Park by rail.

*Post-Conference Trip* will be omitted this year.

No personally conducted parties will be planned returning, but the Travel committee will make reservations for any wishing to return together, and will be glad to give all information required.

**Probable Round-trip Rates to Asbury Park**  
 New York City.....\$1.75    \$ 1.95  
 Philadelphia (5 days' limit). 3.00  
 (16 days' limit)..... 3.75    3.25

Boston (all rail).....	12.25
(Sound lines).....	9.75
Washington .....	10.55
Pittsburgh .....	21.25
(There is also a 16-day excursion rate of \$12.00 good leaving only Thursdays).	
Buffalo .....	19.65
(Differential \$17.75)	
Cleveland .....	26.20
Detroit .....	31.70
Grand Rapids.....	31.70
Indianapolis .....	33.—
Chicago .....	35.00
(Differential \$31.70)	
Cincinnati .....	32.00
Louisville .....	34.00
St. Louis.....	40.00
(Differential \$37.00)	
Memphis .....	43.00
Atlanta .....	37.55
New Orleans.....	54.55
Fort Worth.....	58.75
Denver .....	72.85

From Middle Western points and Buffalo by traveling over "differential" lines a saving of from \$2 to \$3 on the round trip may be made. This is shown, for example, from three points in table above.

TRAVEL COMMITTEE,

F. W. FAXON, Chairman.

## THE MONTH AT HEADQUARTERS\*

During the past month the Association officers and Executive Board have been considering what help American libraries can furnish the French committee which is outlining plans for a reconstruction of European civilization after the war, with special reference naturally to conditions in France. This French Committee, which calls itself the Alliance for Social and Civic Education, and for which the spokesman is M. Henri Oger, 6 rue Oblin, Paris, has drawn up a very intelligent and broad-viewed scheme for social and civic education, in which they propose among other things (1) to establish in Paris a "National

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